

*Comparison Guide
to American Colleges*

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

residence halls unless "cleared by the dean of student services."

About 16% of men, 32% of women live in traditional dormitories; 34% of men, 27% of women in coed dormitories; 43% of men, 40% of women live in off-campus housing or commute. Sexes segregated in coed dormitories by wing. There are 3 fraternities on campus which about 8% of men join; 7% of men live in fraternities.

ANNUAL COSTS. Tuition and fees, \$2,900; room and board, \$1,250; estimated \$600 other, exclusive of travel. About 65% of students receive financial aid; average amount of assistance, \$2,600. University reports scholarships awarded only on the basis of need.

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

Hampden-Sydney, Virginia 23943

731 M, 1 W (full-time) Presbyterian, 1776
6 M (part-time)

A small, church-related, liberal arts college for men, Hampden-Sydney dates from Revolutionary War days, when it counted Patrick Henry and James Madison among the numbers of its first board of directors. It has a notable record of producing leading professional men for the region and the nation. The 550-acre campus is located in a rural setting 7 miles south of Farmville (pop. 5,674) and 70 miles southwest of Richmond.

ADMISSION is selective. About 76% of applicants accepted, 49% of these actually enroll; 36% of freshmen graduate in top fifth of high school class, 64% in top two-fifths. Average freshman SAT scores: 487 verbal, 547 mathematical; 44% of freshmen score above 500 on verbal, 9% above 600; 72% score above 500 on mathematical, 24% above 600. **Required:** SAT, 2 ACH (English and mathematics); interview recommended. **Nonacademic factors** considered of moderate importance in admissions: alumni children, diverse student body, special talents. **Entrance programs:** early decision, midyear admission, advanced placement. **Apply** by March 1. **Transfers** welcome; 15 accepted 1976-77.

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT. Pressures for academic achievement appear moderate. Administration reports 13% of general education courses needed for graduation are required; numerous distribution requirements. School prepares substantial number of students for law and medical school as well as for graduate study. **Degrees:** AB, BS. **Majors offered** include usual arts and sciences, computer science. **Undergraduate degrees conferred** (120): 44% were in social sciences, 17% in biological sciences (nearly all in biology), 15% in psychology, 8% in letters, 7% in English, 6% in physical sciences, 3% in mathematics.

Class attendance expected. About 80% of students entering as freshmen graduate eventually; 14% of freshmen do not return for sophomore year. **Special programs:** CLEP, independent study, study abroad, honors, undergraduate research, 3-year degree, individualized majors, Washington Semester, dual degree programs with Georgia Tech, Eight College Exchange Program, cross-registration with nearby Longwood College for women. **Library:** 107,025 volumes, open-stack privileges; hours until midnight (5 PM on Satur-

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day). **Calendar:** early semester. **Miscellaneous:** Phi Beta Kappa.

GRADUATES CAREER DATA. *Full-time graduate study* pursued immediately after graduation by 36% of students; 7% enter medical school; 1% enter dental school; 11% enter law school. Medical schools typically enrolling largest numbers of graduates include U. of Virginia, Medical College of Virginia (Richmond), Duke, West Virginia; dental schools include MCV (Richmond); law schools include U. of Virginia, T.C. Williams, William and Mary. *Careers in business and industry* pursued by 25% of graduates.

STUDENT BODY. College seeks a national student body; 80% of students from South, 15% Middle Atlantic. An estimated 78% of students reported as Protestant, 10% Catholic, 1% each Jewish, other, 10% unaffiliated; 1% each as black, oriental. **Minority group students:** "very small scholarship program."

RELIGIOUS ORIENTATION. Hampden-Sydney is a church-related institution, but makes no religious demands on students. Religious clubs on campus include Newman, Wesley, Westminster, Baptist, all in conjunction with Longwood. Places of worship available on campus for Presbyterians, 7 miles away for Catholics and other Protestant denominations, 70 miles away for Jews.

CAMPUS LIFE. As one administrator notes, "for a church college, one would consider us very progressive on rules of conduct." Residence halls now determine own intervista-tion hours. Use of alcohol permitted according to state law; drunkenness prohibited. Cars allowed. Private airplanes may not kept for individual use. Freshmen required to live in college residences.

About 70% of men live in dormitories; 10% live in off-campus housing or commute. There are 11 fraternities on campus which about 65% of men join; 20% live in fraternities. About 50% of students leave campus on weekends.

ANNUAL COSTS. Tuition and fees, \$2,750; room and board, \$1,075; estimated \$500 other, exclusive of travel. About 22% of students receive financial aid; average amount of assistance, \$2,300. College reports some scholarships awarded on the basis of academic merit alone; nongovernmental loans available to middle-income students.

HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE

Amherst, Massachusetts 01002

594 M, 637 W (full-time) Independent, 1965

Hampshire is a new, experimental, liberal arts college (first freshman class entered September, 1970) developed under the aegis of its sister institutions in the Five College Cooperative Program (Amherst, Mount Holyoke, University of Massachusetts, and Smith). Like a few other young, experimental colleges of high potential quality, Hampshire has attracted extraordinary interest and a very large group of freshman applicants. The college has begun with many innovations in academic structure, courses of study, and social arrangements. Enrollment expected to stabilize at approximately present size. Hampshire is located on the outskirts of Amherst (pop. 18,000) on 550 acres of high land overlooking the Connecticut River Valley, within a 7-mile radius of its sister institutions.